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NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of Inventor(s):

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For (title): MOWING BLADE WITH STAR	
1. Type of Application	
This new application is for a(n) (check one applicable item below):	
○ Original · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Design .	
Plant	
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Continuation-in-part (CIP)	
<u>CERTIFICATION U</u>	JNDER 37 CFR 1.10
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2. Benefit of Prior U.S. Application(s) (35 USC 120)

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The new application being transmitted claims the benefit of prior U.S. Serial No. 08/130,713, filed on October 4, 1993; U.S. Divisional Serial No. 08/364,248, filed on December 27, 1994, which is now U.S. Patent No. 5,502,958; Canadian Patent Application No. 2,175,096, filed on November 22, 1993; U.S. Continuation of Serial No. 08/755,627, filed on November 25, 1996, which is now U.S. Patent No. 5,724,796. U.S. Patent No. 5,724,796 is a Continuation of Serial No. 08/130,718, which was filed on October 4, 1993 and is now abandoned, U.S. Divisional of Serial No. 08/990,142, filed on December 12, 1997, Canadian Patent Application No. 2,109,662, filed on November 22, 1993, and U.S. Continuation Serial No. 08/982,096, filed on December 1, 1997, which is now U.S. Patent No. 5,946,895 and U.S. Continuation Serial No. 10/273,621, filed on October 17, 2002 [which are all incorporated herein by reference].

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3. (Regul	•		ich Are Required For Filing Date Under 37 CFR 1.53(b) Design) Application
	11	Pages of specif	ication
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4.	Additi	onal papers en	closed
		Preliminary An	nendment
		Information Di	sclosure Statement

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		Form PTO-1449
		Citations
		Declaration of Biological Deposit
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	\boxtimes	inventor(s)
		legal representative of inventor(s). 37 CFR 1.42 or 1.43
refused		joint inventor or person showing a proprietary interest on behalf of inventor who or cannot be reached.
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where a subject continu	a declar matter lation of CATIO	Where the filing is a completion in the U.S. of an International Application but ation is not available or where the completion of the U.S. application contains in addition to the International Application the application may be treated as a r continuation-in-part, as the case may be, utilizing ADDED PAGE FOR NEW N TRANSMITTAL WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION
		Application is made by a person authorized under 37 CFR 1.41 on behalf of all
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the above named inventor(s). The declaration or oath, along with the surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.16(e) can be filed subsequently.
NOTE: It is important that all the correct inventor(s) are named for filing under 37 CFR 1.41 and 1.53(b).
Showing that the filing is authorized. (Not required unless called into question. 37 CFR 1.41(d).
6. Inventorship Statement
WARNING: If the named inventors are each not the inventors of all the claims an explanation, including the ownership of the various claims at the time the last claimed invention was made, should be submitted.
The inventorship for all the claims in this application are:
The same
or
Are not the same. An explanation, including the ownership of the various claims at the time the last claimed invention was made,
is submitted.
will be submitted.
7. Language .
NOTE: An application including a signed oath or declaration may be filed in a language other than English. A verified English translation of the non-English language application and the processing fee of \$30.00 required by 3 CFR 1.17(k) is required to be filed with the application or within such time as may be set by the Office. 37 CFR 1.52(d).
NOTE: A non-English oath or declaration in the form provided or approved by the PTO need not be translated. 37 CFR 1.69(b).
English

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		non-English				
			the attached trans	slation is a verif	ied translation. 37	CFR 1.52(d).
8.	Assign	nment				
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9.	Certif	ied Cop	y			
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NOTE: This item is for any foreign priority for which the application being filed directly relates. If any parent U.S. application or International Application from which this application claims benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120 is itself entitled to priority from a prior foreign application then complete item 18 on the ADDED PAGES FOR NEW APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL						

WHERE BENEFIT OF PRIOR U.S. APPLICATION(S) CLAIMED.

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11. Small Entity Statement(s)

Applicant claims small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27.

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Filing Fee Calculation (50% of A, B or C above)

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12.	Requ	est for I	nternati	ional-Type Search (37 CFR 1.104(d) (complete, if a	pplicable)
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			CFR 1	processing and retention fee (\$120.00; 37 .53(d) and 1.21(l))	
			(\$30.0	fee for international-type search report 0; 37 CFR 1.21(e)).	

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED

\$750.00

NOTE: 37 CFR 1.21(I) establishes a fee for processing and retaining any application which is #537422 v1 - New App.Trasn.PTO.05-03

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abandoned for failing to complete the application pursuant to 37 CFR 1.53(d) and this, as well as the changes to 37 CFR 1.53 and 1.78, indicate that in order to obtain the benefit of a prior U.S. application, either the basic filing fee must be paid or the processing and retention fee of 1.21(l) must be paid within 1 year from notification under 53(d).

14.	Metho	d of Payment of Fees	
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37 CFR 1.16(e) (surcharge for filing the basic filing fee and/or declaration on a date later than the filing date of the application)

37 CFR 1.17 (application processing fees)

possibly when dealing with amendments after final action.

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WARNING: While 37 CFR 1.17(a), (b), (c), and (d) deal with extensions of time under 1.136(a) this authorization should be made only with the knowledge that: "Submission of the appropriate extension fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) is to no avail <u>unless</u> a request or petition for extension is filed." (Emphasis added). Notice of November 5, 1985 (1060 O.G. 27).				
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NOTE: 37 CFR 1.28(b) requires "Notification of any change in loss of entitlement to small entity status must be filed in the application prior to paying, or at the time of payingissue fee." From the wording of 37 CFR 1.28(b): (a) notification of change of status must be made even if the fee is paid as "other than a small entity" and (b) no notification is required if the change is to another small entity.				
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